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SUBJ: KOREA IN 28 TH GA: PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON TACTICS

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1. AS ANTICIPATED REFTTEL, WE MET WITH ROK MISSION JUNE 25 AND WILL MEET THIS WEEK WITH OTHER FREINDLY DELEGATIONS, ESPECIALLY JAPAN, UK, AUSTRALIA AND CANADA WHO WERE PRESSING US LAST WEEK FOR CONSULTATIONS ASAP. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT WE WORK QUECKLY HERE WITH ROK MISSION TO ENSURE MAXIMUM COORDINATION AMONG FRIENDLY MISSIONS AND TO KEEP CONSULTATIONS MOVING MOST CONSTRUCTIVELY. WE ARE ASSUMING THAT NO DECISIONS ON DETAILED UN TACTICS WILL BE MADE PRIOR TO ROK- US MISSION CONSULTATIONS WITH ALLIES HERE.

2. UNCURK. FOCUS OF ALLIES' INTEREST AT THIS STAGE PROBABLY WILL BE UNCURK. PRELIMINARILY, WE SEE IMPORTANT ADVANTAGES HERE IN UNCURK ITSELF TAKING EARLY DECISION THAT IT NOT LONGER HAS USEFUL MISSION AND THAT IT DOES NOT INTEND TO MEET AGAIN UNLESS OTHER WISE INSTRUCTED BY GA. THIS DECISION WOULD BE REVEALED AS SOON AS MADE AND LATER REFLECTED IN UNCURK ANNUAL REPORT. THIS HAS MAJOR ADVANTAGE OF KEEPING INITIATIVE IN FRIENDLY UNCURK HANDS, AND WOULD HELP REDUCE APPEAL OF HOSTILE ANTI- UNCURK INITIATIVE BY OTHER SIDE. WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD FAVOR HAVING GA RESOLUTION TERMINATING UNCURK
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WOULD DEPEND IMPORTANTLY ON TACTICAL SITUATION THAT DEVELOPS. WE CAN SEE ADVANTAGE IN HAVING NO RESOLUTION AT ALL, BUT WE ACCEPT POSSIBILITY THAT UN MEMBERS MAY INSIST ON FORMALLY TERMINATING OR SUSPENDING UNCURK BY A RESOLUTION. IF WE CON-

CLUDE THAT NORTH KOREA'S ALLIES WILL INSIST ON A RESOLUTION,
THEN WE WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO PRESENT OUR OWN FIRST.

3. WE NOTE THAT PRESS STATEMENT IN SEOUL ON UNC INDICATES
LITTLE ROK FLEXIBILITY.

(A) FROM QUESTIONS RAISED WITH US IN PAST WEEK, WE
PERCEIVE STRONG INTEREST IN UNC AMONG FRIENDLY
DELEGATIONS AND BELIEVE SUCH LACK OF FLEXIBILITY WILL
TROUBLE THEM AS THEY CONTEMPLATE TACTICS FOR GA THIS
FALL, HAVING IN MIND THAT, REGARDLESS OF FACT THAT SC
IS UN BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR UNC, DPRK SUPPORTERS WILL
BE MAKING ISSUE OF UNC (AS WELL AS FOREIGN TROOPS) IN
GA. THEREFORE, WE (AND PRESUMABLY ROK MISSION) COULD
WELL USE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO HANDLE THIS IN
CONSULTATIONS HERE.

(B) IF US-ROK DECISION IS TO TAKE ACTION ON UNC
THIS YEAR, WE BELIEVE THAT ANY ACTION TOWARD OR IN
SC IN AUTUMN (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER) WOULD BE ADVANTA-
GEOUS FOR OUR HANDLING OF KOREA IN GA. GA'S FIRST
COMMITTEE MAY TAKE UP ITEM IN MPD- OCTOBER. WE WOULD
SUGGEST CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITY THAT
UNC COULD INFORM UNCURK OF ANY DECISION ON UNC (E. G.
TURNING OVER UNC COMMAND FUNCTION TO ROK) AND THAT
UNCURK COULD MENTION THIS IN ITS FINAL REPORT TO GA.

4. ADMISSION TO UN. IN VIEW OF PRESS REPORTS OF DPRK RE-
ACTIONS, WE WILL RESERVE COMMENT NOW ON UN ENTRY QUESTION.

5. REGARDING KOREA ISSUE IN GENERAL, BOTH SOVIET AND CHINESE
MISSIONS HAVE APPROACHED US (PRIOR TO PARK STATEMENT) WITH REQUEST
TO DISCUSS. PRC COUNSELOR CHOU NAN, WHO EXPECTS TO LEAVE FOR
MONTH IN PEKING STARTING EARLY JULY, HAS TWICE IN PAST WEEK IN-
DICATED DISCUSSION OF KOREA ITEM, MAKING POINTED REQUEST TO
MISOFF JUNE 22 FOR INFORMAL TALK ON SUBJECT ASAP. SOVIET
MISSION'S ASIA SPECIALIST EARLIER MADE SIMILAR APPROACH.

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